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TWO FACE FEDERAL CHARGES IN DALLAS FRAUDULENT DOCUMENT RING

DALLAS — A federal grand jury here returned an indictment today charging Adrian Guerrero-Sanchez and Fernando Garcia-Santiago each with one count of Conspiracy to Forge, Counterfeit and Falsely Make Alien Registration Receipt Cards, and to Possessing Counterfeit Social Security Cards with the Intent to Sell. U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper, Northern District of Texas, made the announcement. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Texas Attorney General's Office, and the North Texas Identity Theft Task Force.

The indictment also charges Guerrero-Sanchez with Illegal Reentry After Deportation from the United States and charges Garcia-Santiago with Improper Entry by an Alien.

Both Guerrero-Sanchez and Garcia-Santiago have been in custody since their arrest in early February on charges outlined in a federal criminal complaint.

U.S. Attorney Roper said, "Today's indictment is the direct result of the excellent investigative work of the office of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, broke up this fraudulent document ring operating in Dallas." Roper continued, "This exemplifies the positive results that can be achieved when federal, state and local law enforcement work toward a common goal."

According to the indictment, from Jan. 11 through Feb. 2, Adrian Guerrero-Sanchez, Fernando Garcia-Santiago and others conspired to provide fraudulent identification documents, including alien registration cards, Social Security cards and Texas State Identification cards, to others for a fee. During this time period, investigators with the Texas Attorney General's Office and ICE agents conducted surveillance at the parking lot of Jerry's Supermercado located at the corner of North Henderson and Capitol St. in Dallas. On several occasions Adrian Guerrero-Sanchez was observed meeting individuals who paid him money to provide them with fraudulent identification documents. Guerrero-Sanchez would provide the identification information to Fernando Garcia-Santiago who would then leave the area and go to an apartment located at 5018 San Jacinto in Dallas. Later Garcia-Santiago would return to the Jerry's Supermercado parking lot, giving Guerrero-Sanchez brown envelopes containing the fraudulent documents.

On Feb. 2, ICE agents and the Texas Attorney General's Office, working with the North Texas Identity Theft Task Force, executed search warrants at the apartment located at 5018 San Jacinto, Adrian Guerrero-Sanchez' residence and a beauty salon located across the street from Jerry's Supermercado. Items seized included fraudulent alien registration cards, blank fraudulent Social Security cards, laminates for use on the alien registration cards and Texas Driver's licenses, blank Mexican birth certificates, paper cutters, exacto knife blades, heat sealers, a computer, a scanner, a laminator, U.S. currency and loaded firearms.

An indictment is an accusation by a federal grand jury and a defendant is entitled to the presumption of innocence unless proven guilty. However, if convicted, each face a maximum statutory sentence of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine on the conspiracy count.

U.S. Attorney Roper praised the investigative efforts of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Texas Attorney General's Office, and the North Texas Identity Theft Task Force.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul Macaluso, Northern District of Texas, is prosecuting this case.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.